



A MONTH'S
PASSED SINCE
YOU WERE
RESCUED AT
SEA.

YOU WERE
COMATOSE THE
WHOLE TIME.

ONE THING
I'M SURE OF...

...IS THAT
THE STORY
THIS FAR...

...ARE MEMORIES THAT I HAVE AS OF THIS MOMENT.

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STEP
STEP
STEP

STEP

TETSUTA!!!

YOU
STUPID
IDIOT!

... NOJA.

YOU'RE THE
BIGGEST
IDIOT IN THE
WORLD!

A
COMPLETE
DUMMY!

HUH?

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A GONER!

WHOAH!

DE

HAA

SLY

STY



I DON'T HAVE
ANY MEMORY OF
DROWNING...

SORRY,
GUYS...



WHAT THE
HELL WERE
YOU DOING,
DROWNING OR
WHATEVER!

SERIOUSLY!
I COULDN'T
AGREE
MORE!



HEY,

DO TELL
WHAT NAGI'S
BEEN UP TO.

WHAT I DO
KNOW, IS
THAT HE'S
WORRIED
ABOUT ME.



I DO WONDER
WHAT I WAS DOING
AT SEA...

I TRY TO
REMEMBER, BUT
TO NO AVAIL.

JUST
FOCUS ON
RECOVER-
ING.

WORK WILL
COME AROUND,
EVEN WITH
ONE PERSON
OUT.

IT'S FINE!
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
THINK ABOUT
THAT!

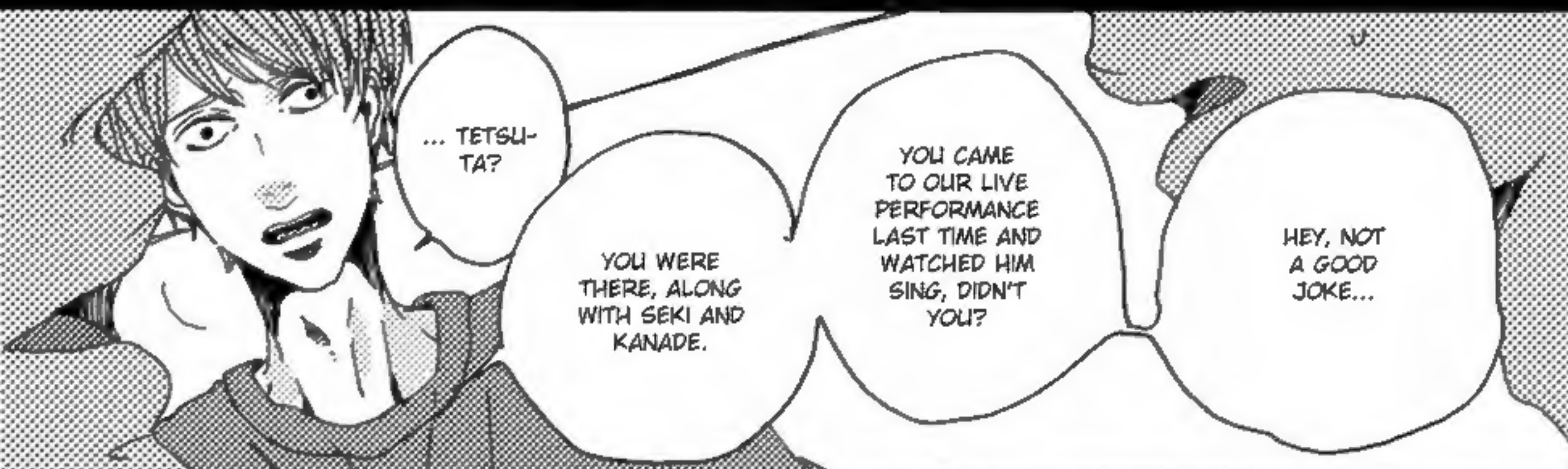
AND I'M
SORRY FOR
SKIPPING OUT
ON WORK...
MY MEMORY
HAS BEEN A
HAZE...



NAGI
WHO?



... WHAT?



... TETSU-
TA?

YOU WERE
THERE, ALONG
WITH SEKI AND
KANADE.

YOU CAME
TO OUR LIVE
PERFORMANCE
LAST TIME AND
WATCHED HIM
SING, DIDN'T
YOU?

HEY, NOT
A GOOD
JOKE...



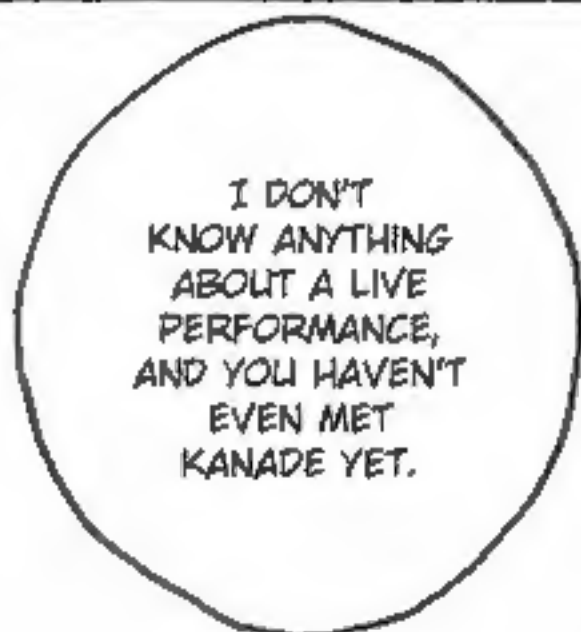
WAI-, WAIT.
CALM DOWN,
TETSUTA.

AFTER
THAT, WE...

YOU WERE
EVEN SINGING
HIS PRAISES!

HOW
COULD YOU
FORGET?!

... HOW COME?



I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT A LIVE
PERFORMANCE,
AND YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN MET
KANADE YET.



WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

THAT'S...

CLATTER

HE-, HEY!
CALM DOWN...

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

NAGI AND I
PRACTICED
ALMOST
EVERYDAY!

YOU
KNOW
THAT!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

HEY,
TETSUTA!

SO WHY ARE
YOU MESSING
WITH ME?!

MAYBE
YOU WERE
DREAMING?

WHAT
THE
HELL
IS HE
SAY-
ING?





THEY REALLY DON'T REMEMBER...?

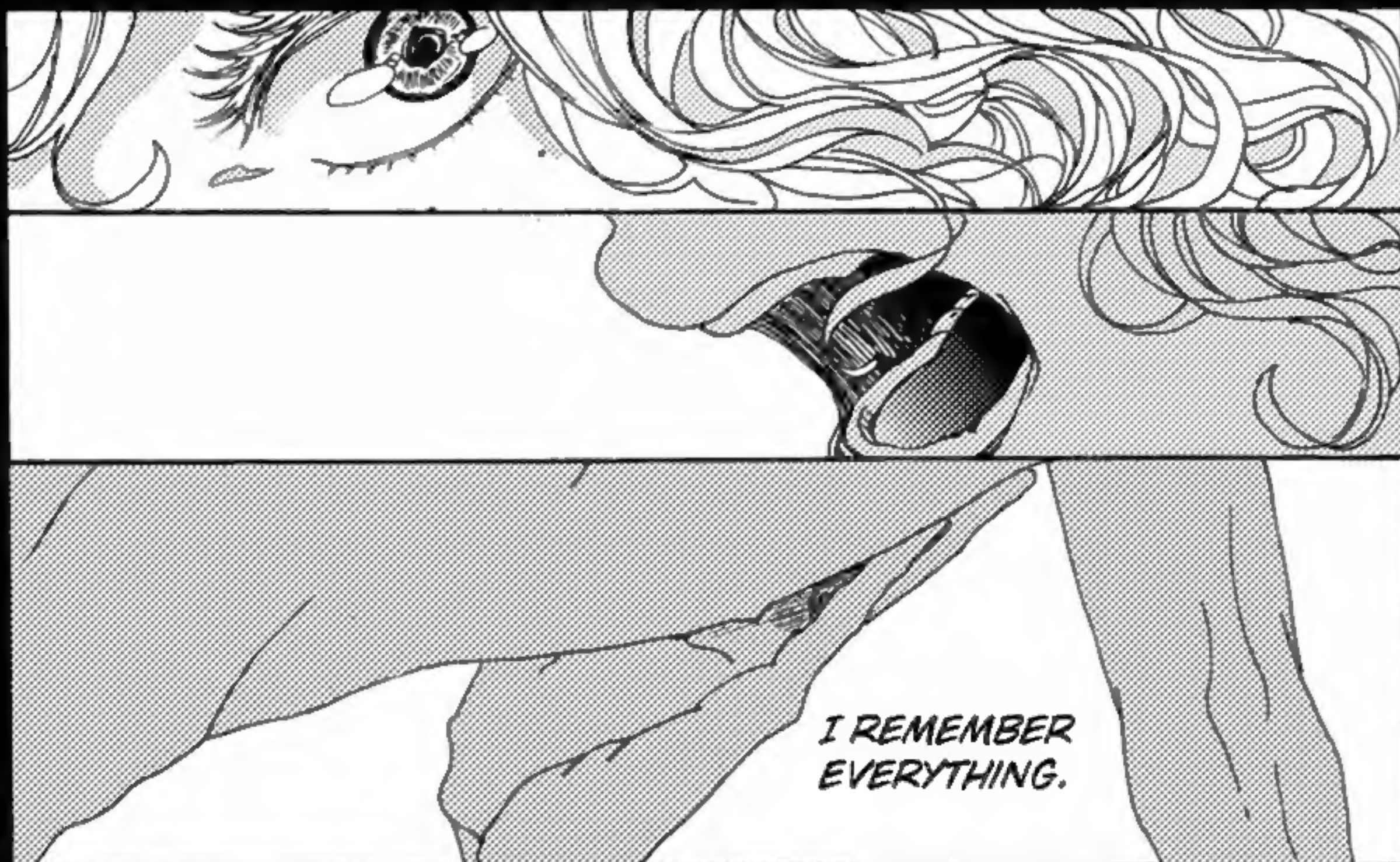


WAS I ONLY...

...DREAMING?



NO, IT CAN'T BE. AFTER ALL...



THAT'S
RIGHT...





GOOD
MORNING.

THE
WEATHER'S
GREAT
TODAY.

HOW'S
YOUR BODY
FEEL...



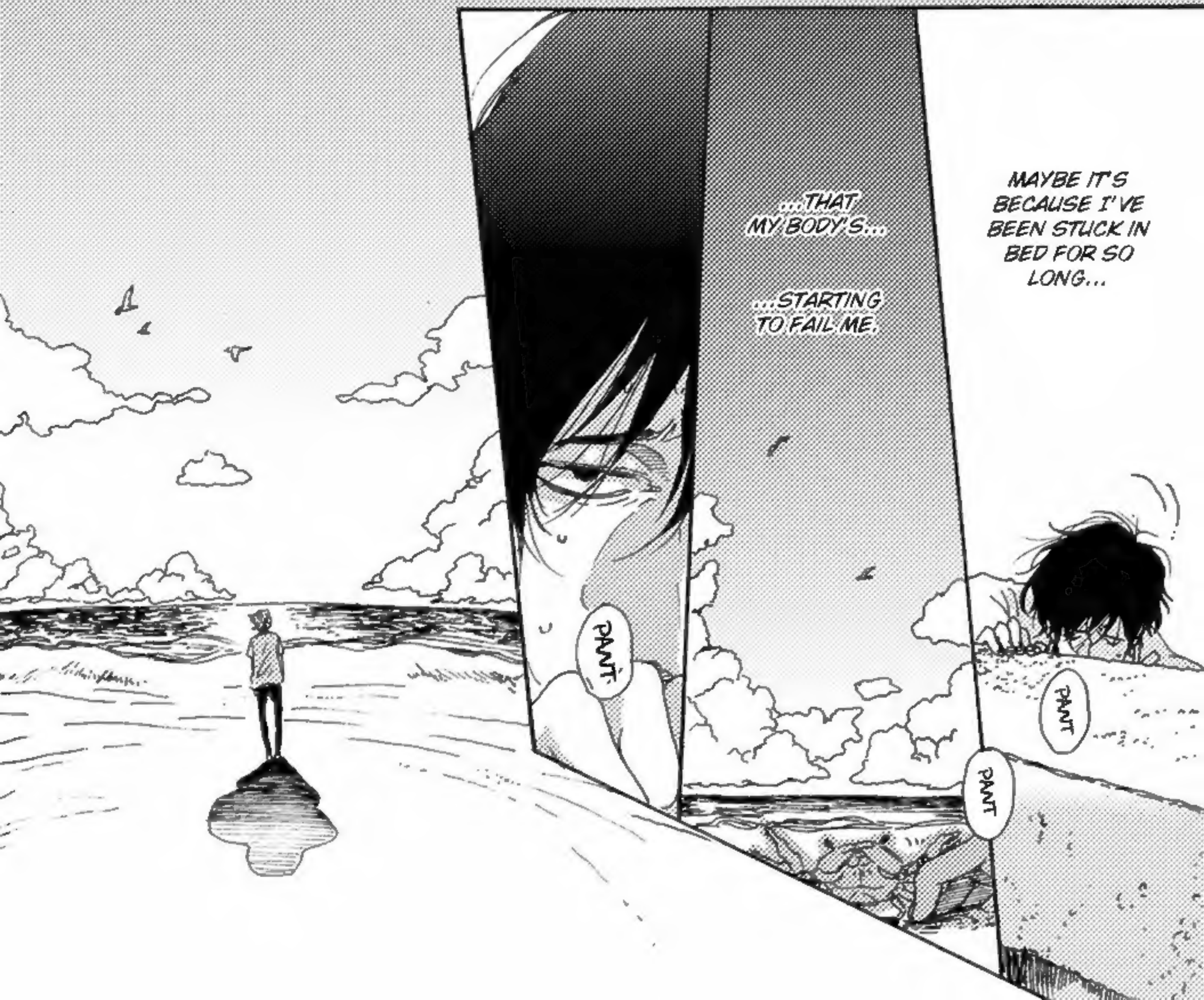
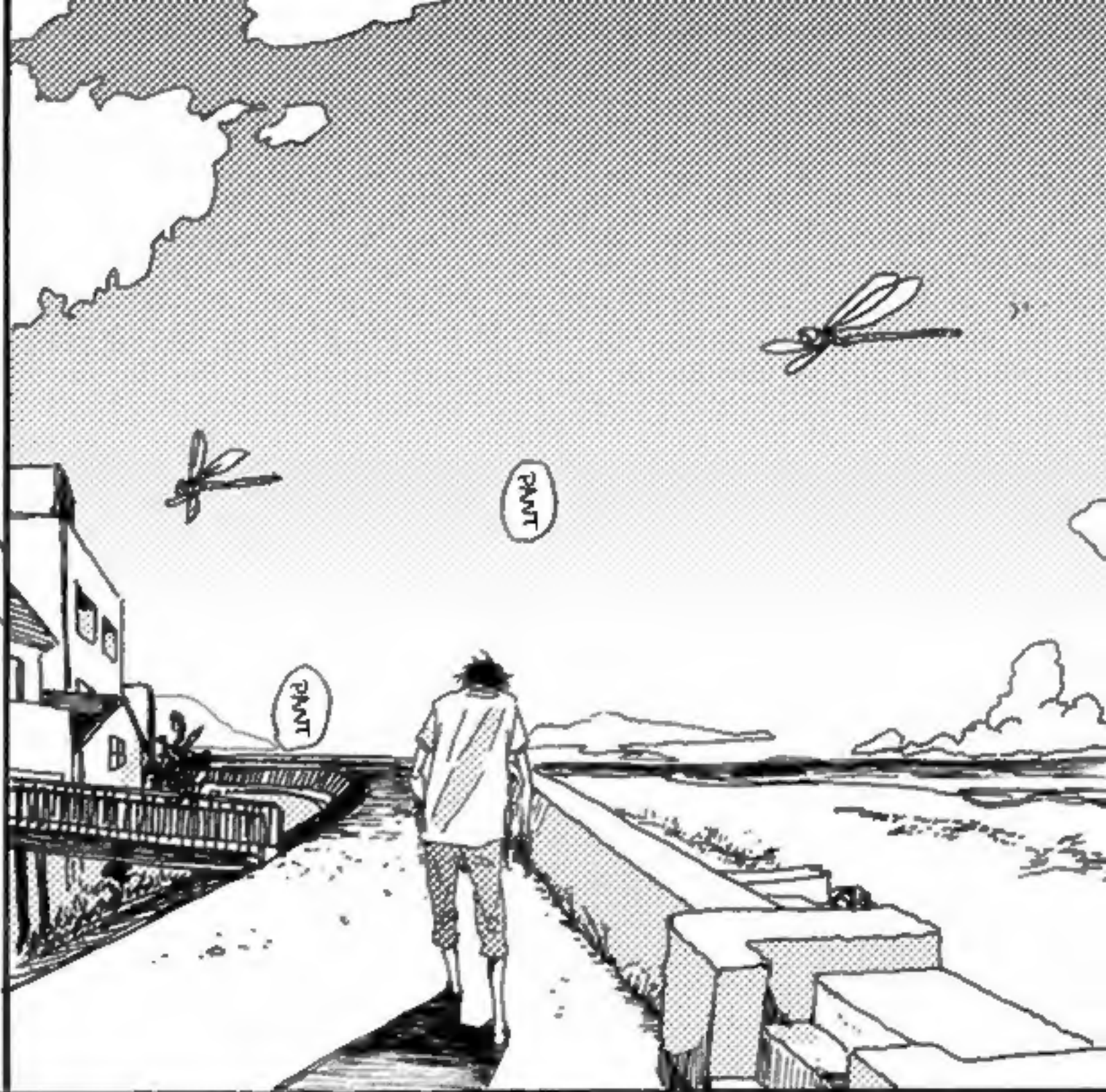
...ING?



I CAN
JUST SEE IT
FOR MYSELF.



SURELY,
IF I GO TO
THE SHOP...



...THAT
MY BODY'S...

...STARTING
TO FAIL ME.

MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE I'VE
BEEN STUCK IN
BED FOR SO
LONG...



NAGI!!!



SEE?!
IT WASN'T
JUST A
DREAM!!

HUH?









SO THE
TWO OF US
WENT.

BUT GIVING
UP DIDN'T
CROSS OUR
MINDS,

A STORM
WAS AT HAND
THAT NIGHT,

WITH NO LUCK
FINDING IT, I
NARROWED DOWN
THAT IT MUST'VE
FALLEN IN THE
SPOT WHERE
WE SPENT THE
AFTERNOON.

I NOTICED
NAGI WASN'T
WEARING HIS
MOTHER'S
EARRING.



SOMEHOW
OR ANOTHER,
ALL IN A MATTER
OF MOMENTS...
NAGI, HE...



HOWEVER,
FOR SOME
REASON, NAGI
WAS ABLE TO
SAVE ME.

FORGETTING
THE FACT THAT
I ALSO DIDN'T
KNOW HOW TO
SWIM...

I KNEW HE
COULDN'T SWIM,
SO I INSTANTLY
JUMPED RIGHT
INTO THE SEA
IN ORDER TO
SAVE HIM,





WHAT?

IT'S NOT
A DREAM.

NAGI IS NO
LONGER HERE.

THAT
APPEAR-
ANCE OF
HIS...

THAT WAS
CERTAINLY A
DREAM... I MEAN,
THAT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE...

... WHAT
ARE YOU...
SAYING...?



BUT MY
WIFE IS A
MERMAID.



YOU MIGHT
FIND IT HARD
TO BELIEVE
ME,



THAT CHILD IS
MOST PROBABLY
NOT HUMAN.



THE INSTANT
THEY DO, THE
SEA WILL TAKE
THEM BACK AND
THEY'LL NEVER
SET FOOT ON
LAND EVER
AGAIN.

A MERMAID
WHO'S GONE
OUT OF THE
WATER, MAY
NEVER RETURN
TO THE SEA.

...THAT
FANTASY
STORY?

ARE YOU
EXPECTING ME
TO BELIEVE...

I CAN'T...
I CAN'T
DO IT.

EVERYONE'S
BEEN SPOUTING
ABSURD STORIES
ALL DAY! WHAT'S
WITH YOU ALL?!

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.
THERE'S NO
WAY I'D
BELIEVE
THAT.

APART FROM NAGI
AND I, NOBODY
COULD REMEMBER
MY WIFE...

I EXPERIENCED
THE SAME
SITUATION
AS YOU.

ALL MEMORY
OF THEIR LIFE ON
LAND VANISHES
WITH THEM.

UPON THEIR
RETURN TO
THE SEA,

AND TO SPARE
THEIR LOVED ONES
ANY SUFFERING,

THEY LEAVE
THEIR MOST
TREASURED
POSSESSION
BEHIND.

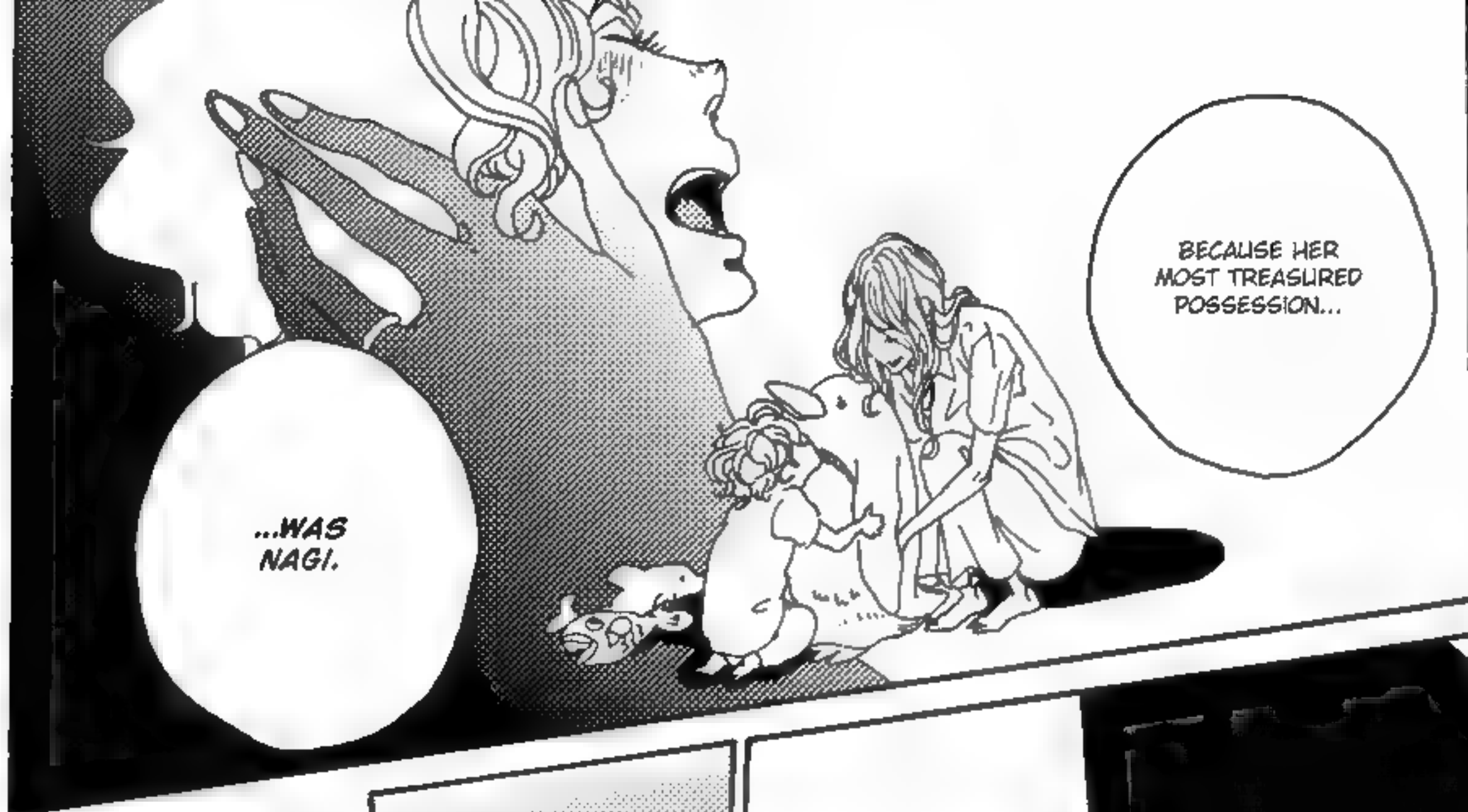
WHY ONLY
THE TWO OF US,
YOU MAY ASK.
THAT'S BECAUSE
THE RETURNEES'
LOVED ONES —
THOSE THEY WISH
WOULD REMEMBER
THEM — DO NOT
FORGET.

THAT
HAS TO
BE A LIE!

THEN WHY
DIDN'T NAGI
DISAPPEAR
WITH HER THE
FIRST TIME HE
FELL INTO THE
SEA?!

THOSE WERE
MY WIFE'S
LAST WORDS
BEFORE SHE
LEFT,

AT THAT
MOMENT IN THE
PAST WHERE SHE
SAVED NAGI FROM
DROWNING...



...WAS
NAGI.

BECAUSE HER
MOST TREASURED
POSSESSION...



I DON'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE IT...

IF I KNEW
EVERYTHING,
THEN I NEVER
WOULD'VE LET NAGI
WITHIN SPITTING
DISTANCE FROM
THE SEA...

IT'S MY FAULT.
I GOT COMPLACENT,
I ASSUMED THAT
IT WOULD'VE BEEN
FINE BY NOW.

NOT EVEN I
HAVE ALL THE
ANSWERS!!!

THEN WHY
NOW?! HE
MUST STILL
REMAIN HER
MOST TREASURED
POSSESSION!
SO WHY DID HE
DISAPPEAR
NOW?!

DON'T YOU
THINK THAT'S
STRANGE?!



I'M
SORRY...

IF HE HADN'T MET
ME, THEN NONE OF
THIS WOULD'VE
HAPPENED...

BUT IF
THAT
REALLY
IS THE
TRUTH...

IT'S
UNBELIEVABLE...

BUT IT
DOESN'T SEEM
LIKE HE'S PULLING
MY LEG...

FORGIVE ME...
I TRULY AM...
SORRY.



BECAUSE
OF YOU...

I'M NOT
LYING TO YOU.

NO,
YOU'RE
NOT...

DON'T
APOLOGIZE...

I'M VERY GLAD
YOU CAME TO
OUR LIVES.



IT'S MORE
THAN ENOUGH THAT
I'M LEFT WITH
MEMORIES OF NAGI
TRULY LIVING.



YOU, ON THE
OTHER HAND...
I BELIEVE NAGI
LEFT YOU WITH
SOMETHING
MORE...

WHY ME?

BECAUSE...



...I WAS
ABLE TO SEE
THAT CHILD SO
FULL OF LIFE AND
REALLY ENJOYING
HIMSELF.

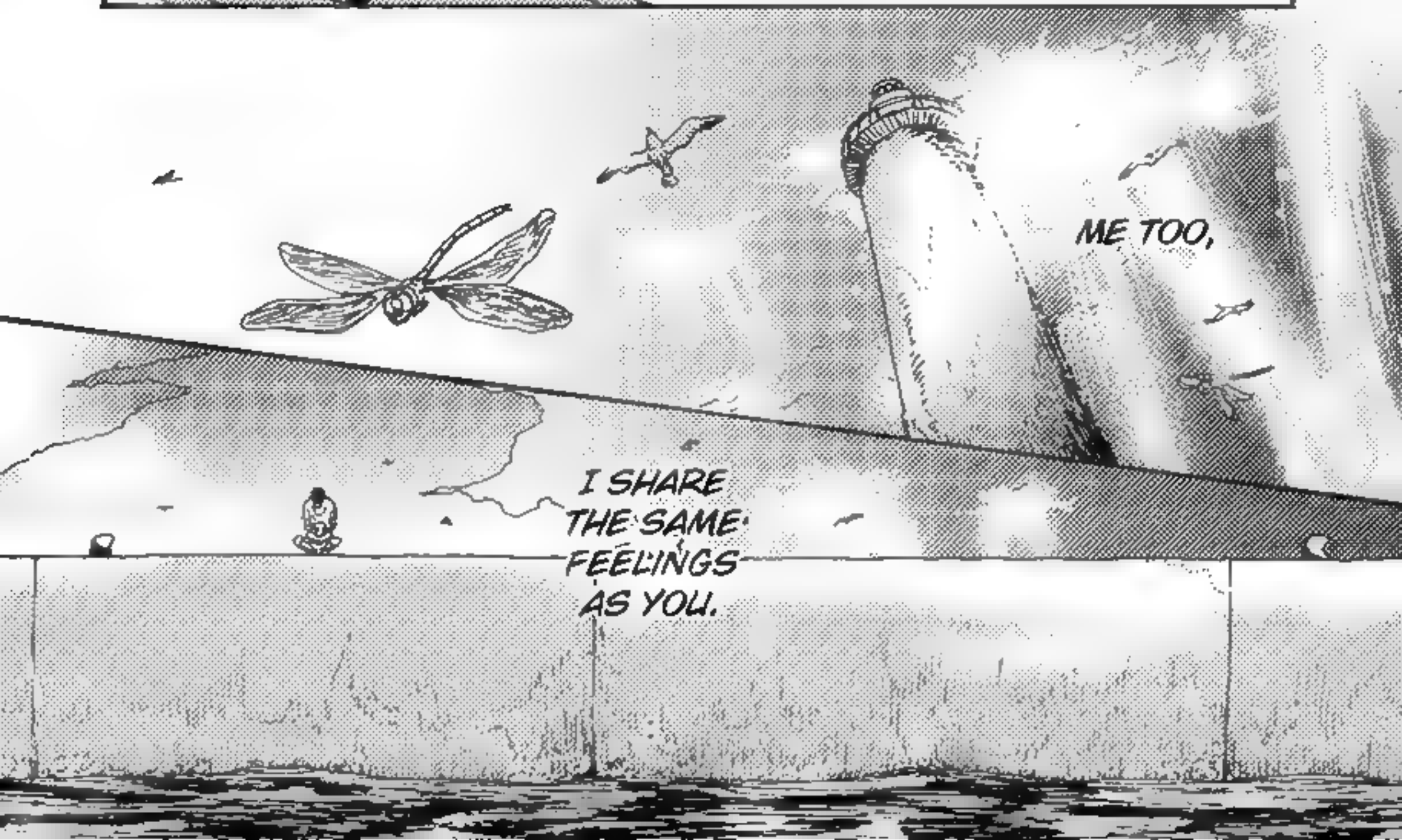
HE LOOKED
THE HAPPIEST
I'VE EVER
SEEN HIM.



...NAGI LOVED
YOU MORE THAN
ANYONE ELSE.



I THINK IT'S
BETTER YOU
HAVE THIS.



ME TOO,

I SHARE
THE SAME
FEELINGS
AS YOU.



WE PROMISED
WE'D DO OUR
BEST TOGETHER,
DIDN'T WE?

THAT'S WHY
I'M STRUGGLING
TO ACCEPT THIS
CRUEL REALITY.




WHAT'S THE
POINT IF
YOU'RE NOT
HERE?!



ONLY
THIS...



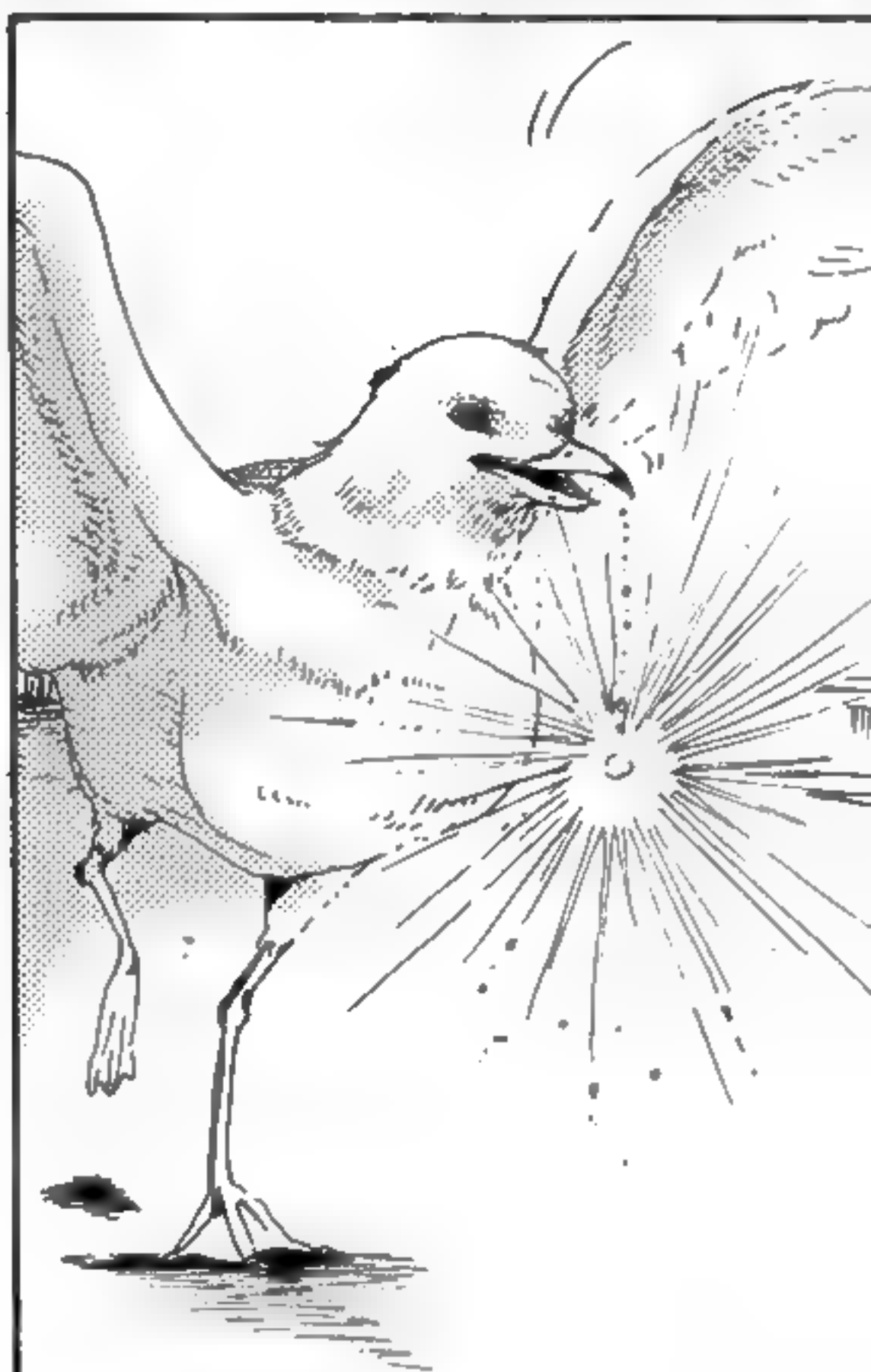
SHOW
YOURSELF TO
ME! TELL ME
EVERYTHING
HAS BEEN
ONE BIG LIE!



WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO FROM
NOW ON...?



DON'T WORRY.





BUT
NONE OF IT
MATTERS.



...FROM
YOUR
FATHER.

I HEARD
EVERYTHING...





JUST PLEASE
COME BACK.

WHATEVER
FORM YOU TAKE,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.



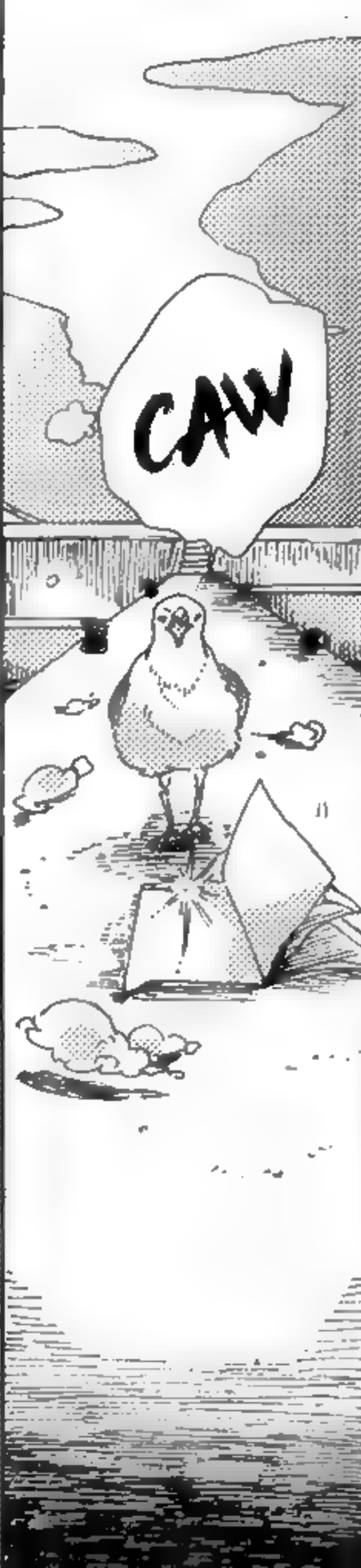
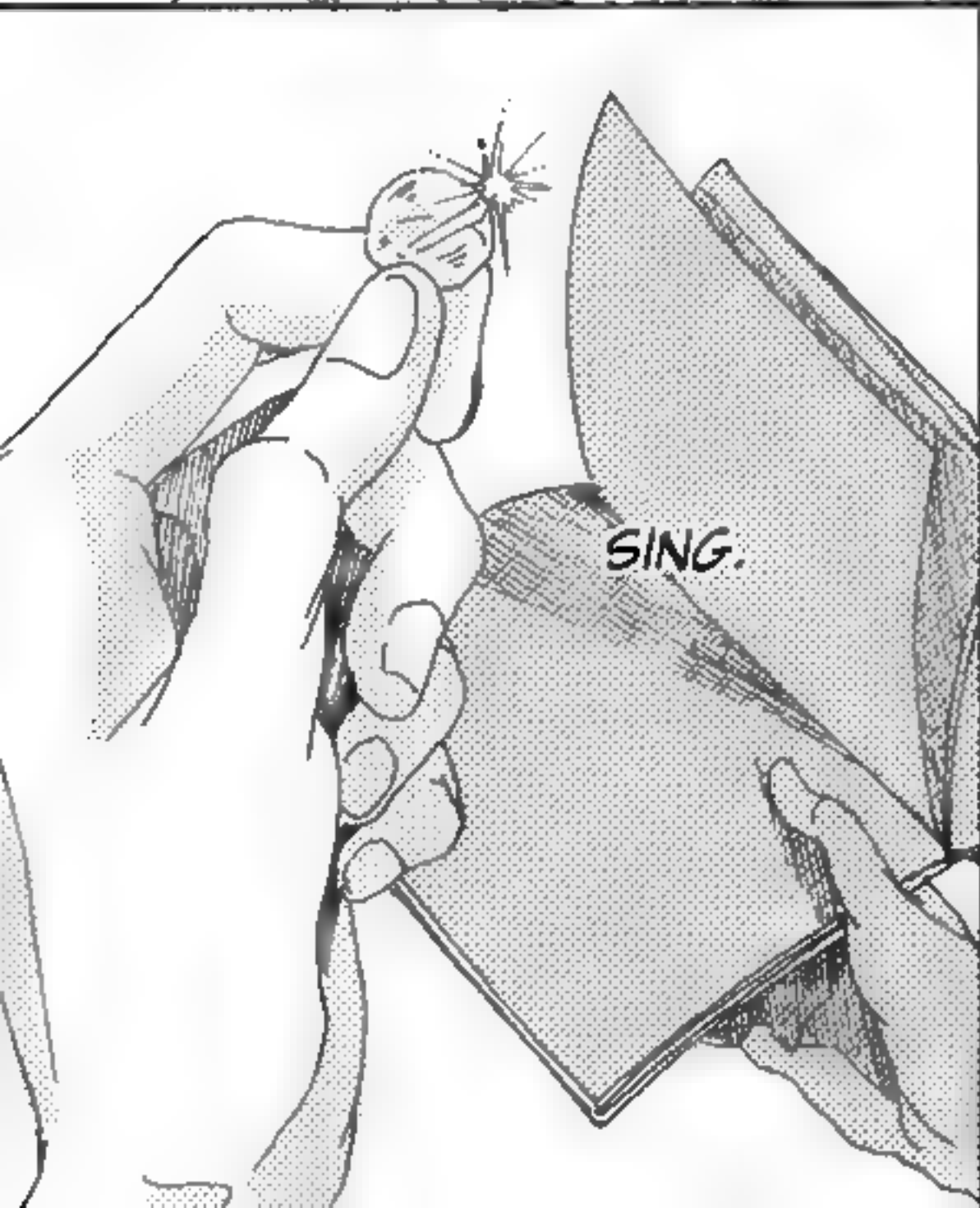
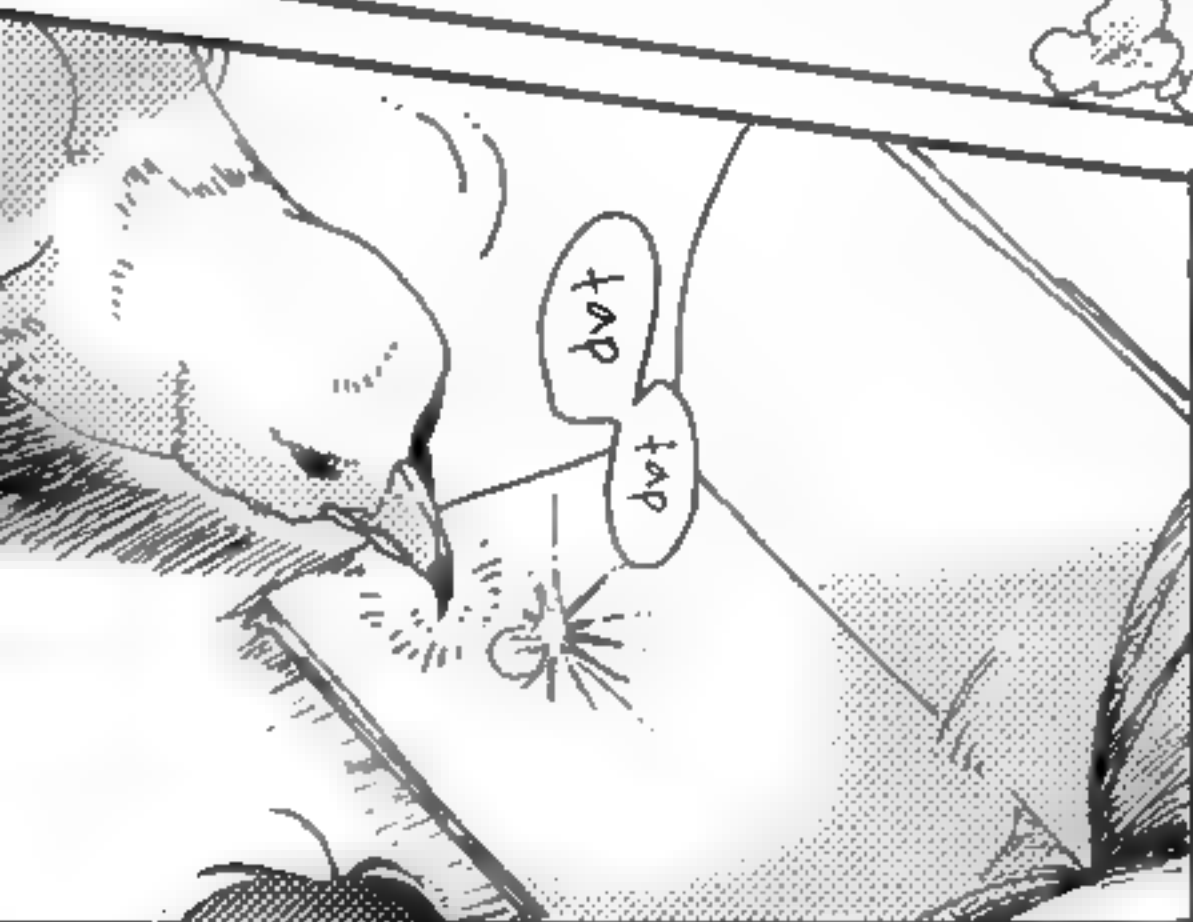
LIVING IN
A WORLD
WITHOUT
YOU...

...HAS NO
MEANING.



I'M SORRY.







**I'M RIGHT
HERE.**

**YOU CAN
DO IT.**

GO ON...






TREASURED...

*MY
MOST...*

HEY,
TETSUTA.



I'LL BE
YOUR VOICE,

NOW AND
FOREVER.



I'LL BE WITH YOU, NAGI,

UNTIL THE DAY I DIE.



SORRY FOR
SAYING ALL
THOSE WEIRD
THINGS.

...I'M
ALRIGHT
NOW, SO...

HOWEVER...

HEY...
SEKI...

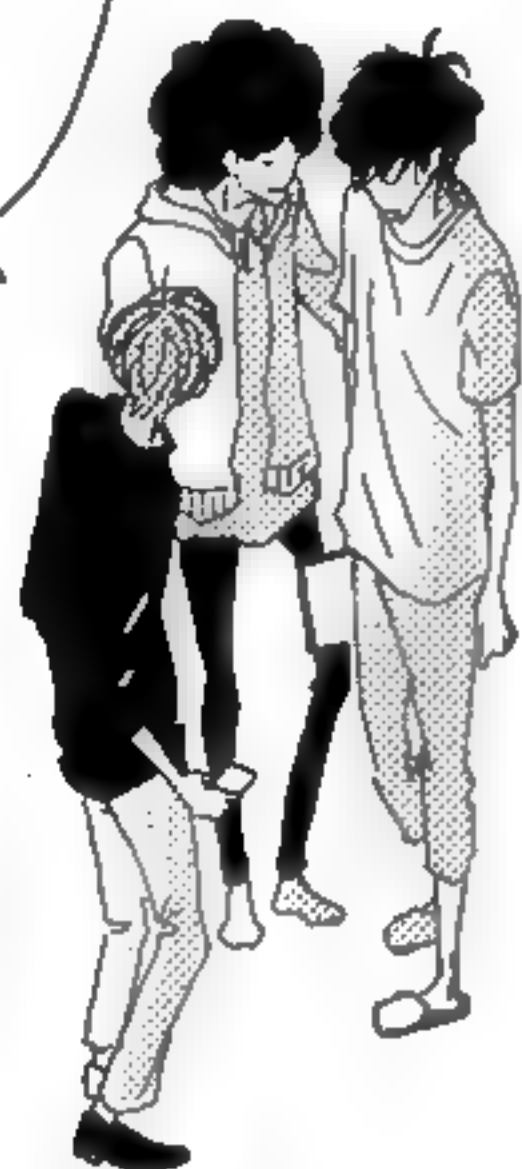
HM?

EVEN HIS
SINGING
VOICE.

EVERYTHING'S
AS IF IT NEVER
HAPPENED, LIKE
IT DISAPPEARED
AS BUBBLES.

NAGI'S
EXISTENCE.

FO...
FOR NOW,
LET'S GO
INSIDE.





...TO
WRITE YOU
A SONG?

DO YOU
STILL WANT
ME...



I'M NOT LETTING YOU DISAPPEAR LIKE BUBBLES.



AH!



ONE YEAR
PASSED.

KANJI
1st ALBUM
9.25.
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HE'S THE
HOT GUY I
SAW ON TV
THE OTHER
DAY.

IT'S
BEEN THE
TALK OF
THE TOWN
NOWADAYS—

THIS
ALBUM
IS QUITE
GOOD.



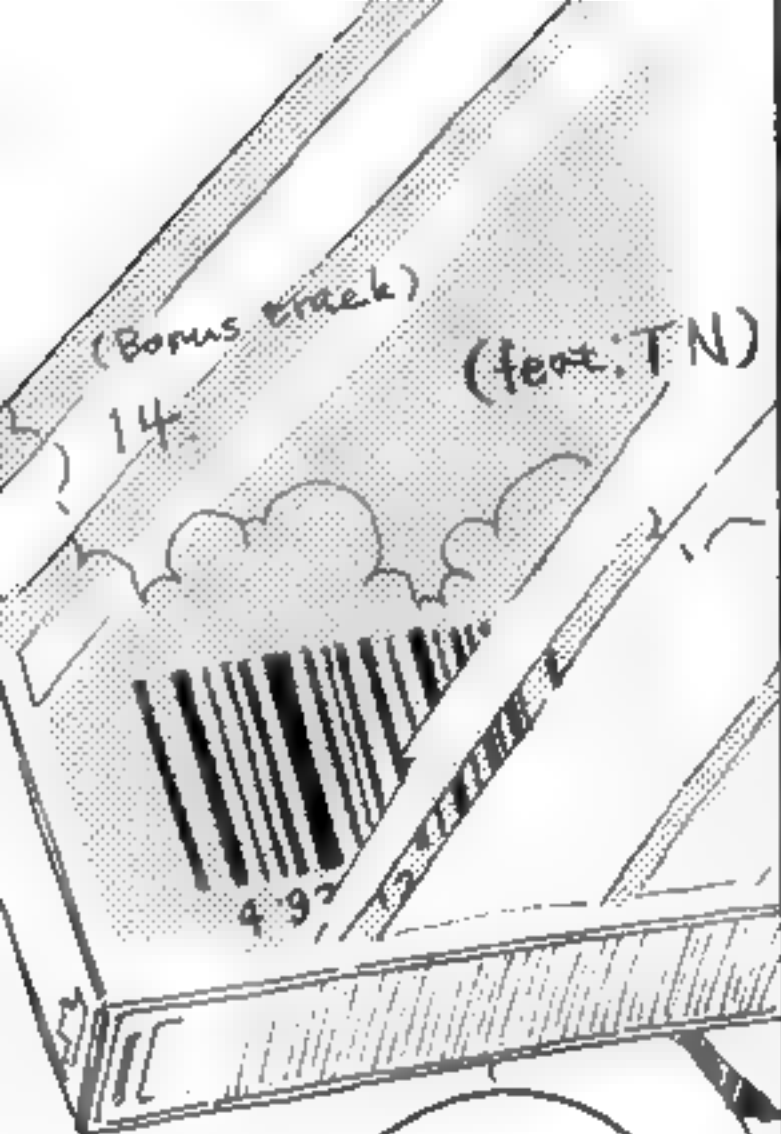
A SONG
FEATURING
SOME
UNKNOWN
GUY.

THAT
"MYSTERIOUS
BONUS
TRACK,"

EVEN
THE TITLE'S
STRANGE,
I CAN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE
OF IT.

BUT BOTH
THE LYRICS AND
THE TUNE ARE
LOVELY.





LOOK AT THIS TITLE — OBSCURITY AT ITS BEST. AND HE STILL REFUSES TO TELL US WHAT THE 'N' STANDS FOR...

IT'S A MIRACLE HE'S ABLE TO SING AGAIN, BUT HE'S JUST LETTING IT GO TO WASTE...

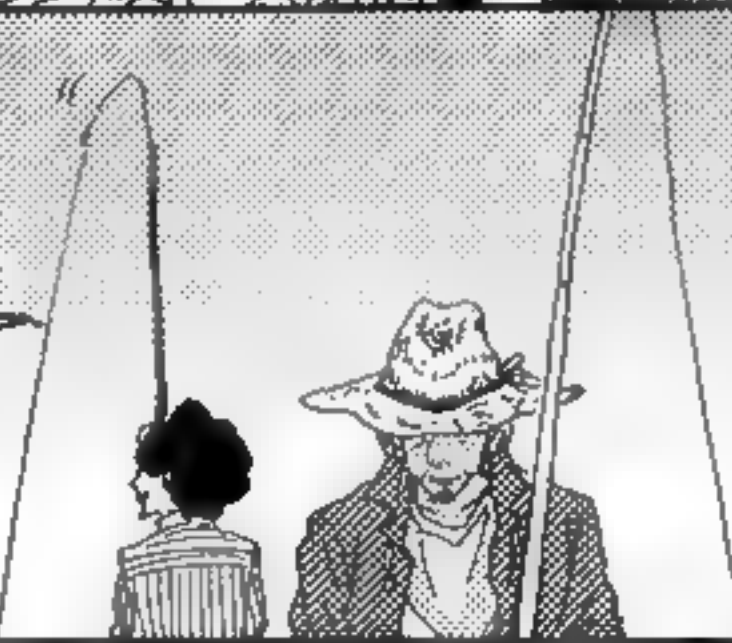


CLASSIC TETSUTA!!

THAT GUY REALLY MARCHES TO THE BEAT OF HIS OWN DRUM...



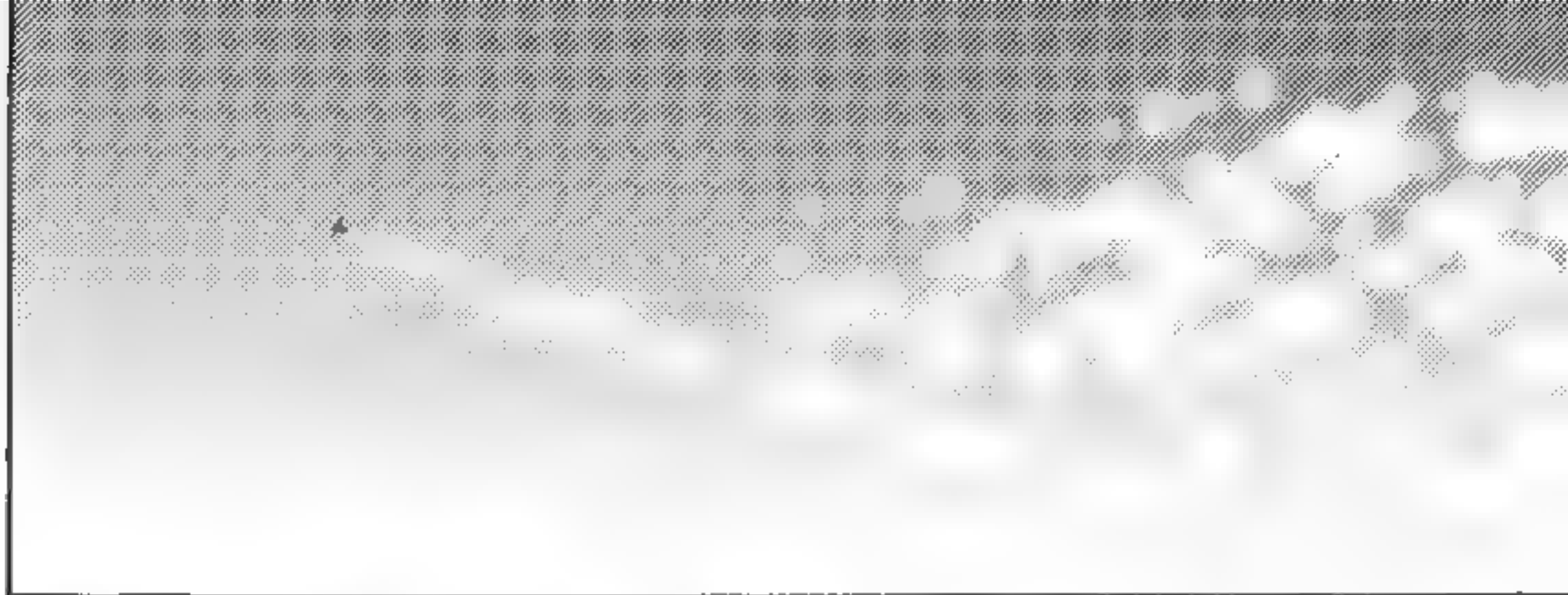
BUT I GUESS 'CUZ OF THAT, HE GOT PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THE ALBUM,



I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING.



WHICH HELPED MAKE KANADE-KUN MORE POPULAR.



IT WAS...



...A
DREAM-LIKE
AFFAIR.



NAGI IS NO
LONGER HERE



TETTA!!



YEAH,
I'LL BE RIGHT
WITH YOU.



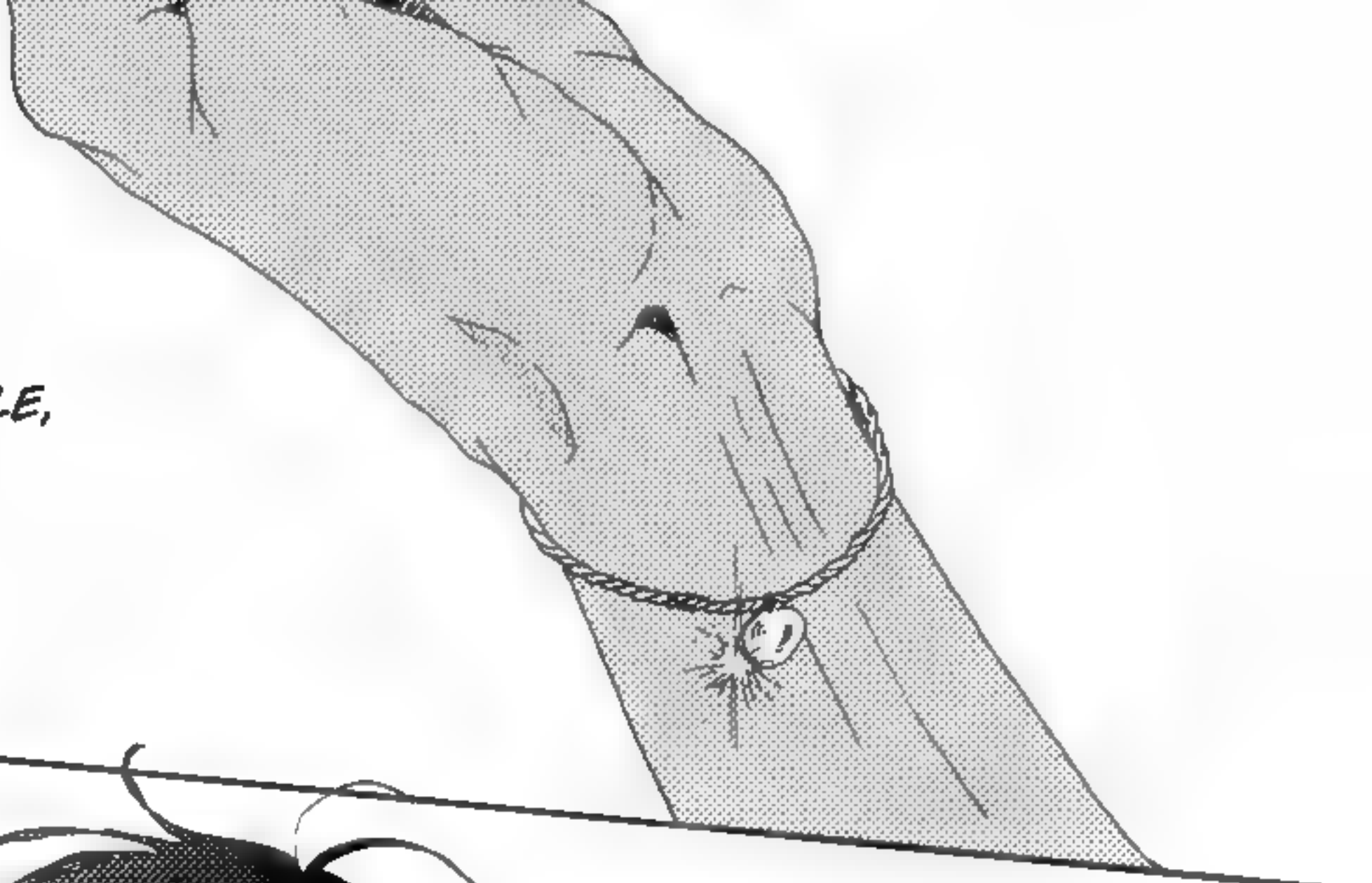
BUT HE HAS NEVER
LEFT MY SIDE.



EVERYONE'S
GATHERED UP!

SING THE USUAL!

HE BECAME
MY INCHOATE SCALE,



MY VOICE.

BUT I STILL
BELIEVE...



THE REASON HE
REMAINS IN MY
MEMORIES...



...IS THAT SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE...



WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

● END ●



Like the trembling of gray snow
Light turned into sound
Wind ~~blew~~ caressed
I'll stop looking down at my feet ~~through~~ my hair
I've searched everywhere
for you

Take me somewhere away from here
Lines straight out of movies
You extend your hand, its shadow lined up
my gaze was fixed on your eyes
your seemingly overflowing eyes
in nights engulfed in darkness
Remember this voice
I'll sing by your side forever
I'll be your scale
your voice

Even now I'm still dreaming
the dream you let me see
Tonight, again and again,
you muttered

泡^{うたかた}沫^{うろこ}の鱗

ソライモネ

As always, even though my story-telling is different
and rather clumsy, I drew this to the best of my abilities.
It will make me happy if reading this made you feel something,
even just a little bit. Thank you very much for buying!

Thanks!
I love you.



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SORAI MONE

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